



MINUTES

EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 20, 2020 | 4:10 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson, Senate Vice Chair
Rep. Jefferson Moss, House Vice Chair
President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Mike Schultz
Speaker Brad R. Wilson

Staff Present:

Steven M. Allred, Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Jonathan Ball, Fiscal Analyst
Greta G. Rodebush, Executive Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m.

2 . Subcommittee Budget Reports

Russell Frandsen, Finance Officer, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), explained the new report format.

a. Retirement and Independent Entities (Tab 8)

Sen. Wayne A. Harper and Rep. Craig Hall, Co-Chairs, presented the subcommittee report. Rep. Adam Robertson, House Vice Chair, was excused. Dr. Thomas Young, Economist, LFA, and Maddy Orritt, Economist, LFA, provided assistance.

[3a-Retirement and Independent Entities Subcommittee Report \(2020 GS\)](#)

Rep. Last inquired about the ongoing funding request for Item 1. Public Safety and Firefighter Employee Retirement Contributions on page 8-3 of the report. Sen. Harper responded.

b. Infrastructure and General Government (Tab 5)

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore and Rep. Douglas V. Sagers, Co-Chairs, and Rep. Brady Brammer, House Vice Chair, presented the subcommittee report. Brian Wickle, Financial Analyst, LFA, and Ivan Djambov, Finance Manager, LFA, provided assistance.

[3b-Infrastructure and General Government Subcommittee Report \(2020 GS\)](#)

Sen. Ipson inquired about one-time funding request for Item 4. Brigham City Consolidated Public Safety Building on page 5-3 of the report. Sen. Cullimore responded.

Sen. Escamilla asked about the one-time funding requests for Items 3, 4, 8, 13, and 15 on page 5-3 of the report. Sen. Cullimore and Rep. Sagers responded.

Sen. Cullimore confirmed that the one-time funding request for Item 4. Brigham City Consolidated Public Safety Building on page 5-3 should be \$7.5 million.

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-14

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0**Absent-6**

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. E. Vickers

3 . Requests for Appropriation

Jonathan Ball noted that on the motion to approve the minutes, the meeting date was January 30, 2020. Chair Stevenson confirmed the date.

Sen. Millner introduced the request for appropriation for the Weber County Veterans Monument.

[2a-RFA Weber County Veterans Monument \(Millner\)](#)

Terry Schow, American Legion, briefly described the Weber County Veterans Monument and its purpose in recognizing and honoring veterans of all wars.

Sen. Millner added further comment and asked for the committee's support.

Gary Harter, Executive Director, Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, presented the request for appropriation for the USS Utah Submarine Commissioning Committee.

2b-USS Utah Submarine Commissioning Committee (link)

[2b-USS Utah Submarine Commissioning Committee \(Handout\)](#)

Sen. Stevenson inquired about the status of the previously commissioned USS Salt Lake City. Gary Harter responded.

Rep. Kwan asked clarifying questions about the USS Utah (SSN 801). Gary Harter responded.

4 . Subcommittee Budget Reports

c. Public Education (Tab 7)

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard and Rep. Steve Eliason, Co-Chairs, and Rep. Steve Wardrip, House Vice Chair, presented the subcommittee report. Ben Leishman, Finance Manager, LFA, and Emily Willis, Financial Analyst, LFA provided assistance.

[3c-Public Education Subcommittee Report \(2020 GS\)](#)

Sen. Iwamoto inquired about the one-time funding request for Item 11. School Safety and Local Priorities on page 7-4 of the report. Rep. Eliason and Sen. Hillyard responded.

Sen. Iwamoto asked about the ongoing funding request for Item 22. Funding for Isolated Schools on page 7-3 of the report. Rep. Eliason responded.

Sen. Escamilla inquired about the ongoing funding request for Item 17. UPSTART on page 7-3 of the report. Sen. Hillyard responded.

Rep. Schultz inquired about one-time funding request for Item 12. Teacher Quality and Retention on page 7-3 of the report. Sen. Hillyard and Rep. Eliason responded.

Chair Stevenson expressed his appreciation for the LFA fiscal analysts who staff all of the appropriations subcommittees.

d. Social Services (Tab 9)

Sen. Allen M. Christensen and Rep. Paul Ray, Co-Chairs, and Rep. Raymond Ward, House Vice Chair, presented the subcommittee report. Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager, LFA, Russell Frandsen, Finance Officer, LFA, and Kimberley Madsen, Financial Analyst, LFA, provided assistance.

[3d-Social Services Committee Report \(2020 GS\)](#)

Sen. Christensen noted that the one-time funding request title for Item 6. Utah Co Transitional Housing Request on page 9-5 should read: Item 6. Utah Co Permanent Supported Housing.

Rep. Ward pointed out that the ongoing funding request for Item 14. 12 month continuous eligibility for children on Medicaid, on page 9-3, was no longer associated with H.B. 210, Insurance Coverage for Children Amendments (2020 General Session).

Rep. Gibson commented on the effects of the structural imbalance on Social Services.

Rep. Last asked for a clarification on the subcommittee's reallocations at the bottom of page 9-5 and at the top of page 9-6. Rep. Ward and Rep. Ray responded.

Sen. Escamilla thanked Sen. Christensen for his many years of service in looking for solutions to help the most vulnerable people in the State of Utah.

e. Executive Appropriations Committee (Tab 10)

Steven Allred presented the subcommittee report for the Executive Appropriations Committee.

[3e-Executive Appropriations Committee Report \(2020 GS\)](#)

5 . Other Business/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 18 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-18

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Sen. D. Kitchen
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Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. J. Moss
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Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0Absent-2

Rep. C. Moss
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Stevenson adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.